

- **Payroll** - Ms. Douglas reviewed payroll and found same to be in order.
- **FHS Student Representatives** - Alexander Chitarra, Student Government President - not present
- Nicolas Gnaman, Class President - not present

Correspondence: None

2. Guests/Presentations:

a. Music Program – Dr. Edwards, Diane Plouffe (see powerpoint)

Dr. Edwards introduced Ms. Diane Plouffe, Music Director.

Ms. Plouffe introduced the following music teachers, Drew O’Connors, Franklin High School, James Barrett, Jefferson Elementary School, Leighanne Rudsit, Franklin High School, Pamela Butz, Annie Sullivan Middle School and Carla Lakota, Horace Mann Middle School were present.

Dr. Edwards read the District Improvement Plan’s Strategic Objective, Action #1. Although the Massachusetts Standards are dating back 20 years, Franklin Public Schools is aligning the music program with national trends.

Ms. Plouffe read the mission for the Music Program, the standards of the MA State Frameworks.

Ms. Plouffe advised that the ukulele’s were from a grant from the Franklin Education Association and the Franklin Music Boosters.

Mr. Barrett brought students to perform with the ukulele from Jefferson Elementary School. Mr. Barrett advised that he only taught the girls the first song, the girls learned others on their own and are playing their own ukuleles.

Ms Plouffe gave an overview about the Elementary Music Program.

Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the Middle School Music Program.

Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the MICCA (Massachusetts Instrumental Choral and Conductor Association) Festival. Ms. Plouffe referred to this Festival as the

MCAS of Music. It is the State evaluation where ensembles go to a location and perform for judges and is judged on a variety of standards. A medal of merit is given to those that need improvement, a bronze medal for those that are good, a silver medal to those that are excellent and a gold medal to superior. FHS select chorus received a bronze medal, all others received a silver medal except the Middle School orchestra who received a gold medal. Congratulations to Carla Loukota.

Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the High School Music Program.

Mr. O'Connors gave an overview of the Non-Performance Music Classes.

Ms. Plouffe explained about the Common Assessment in grades 6-12. (Keys to Literacy).

Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the grant recipients. Congratulations to Leighanne Rudsit who received a grant from the Franklin Cultural Council and Franklin Music Boosters to host an Artist in Residence program for the grades 6-12 jazz students. Also, Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the 2016-2017 Honors in the Music Program.

Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the 2016-2017 highlights.

Ms. Plouffe thanked the Franklin Music Boosters for supporting the Music Program.

Ms. Plouffe gave an overview of the musical enrichment opportunities and how music gives back to the community.

Ms. Abby Gibson on Viola, Ms. Becca Mitchell on Flute and Ms. Emma Newton on Harp, High School students performed a sonata.

Dr. O'Malley noted that he wished everyone was watching the meeting. Wish resources could be better, with what we have, they have done a fabulous job.

Dr. Bergen noted that the statistics at the middle level are sad. She feels it is incumbent upon us to keep focusing on this and bring music back at the middle level.

Ms. Bilello noted that as a parent with a 5th grader enjoying the after school

program and a 6th grader and having the chance to attend the jazz cafe, watching the progression of the students is phenomenal, the passion that all of the teachers in the department brings is fantastic. It is frustrating as a parent and a school committee member that the students need to choose at the High School level between music and visual arts which are two incredibly important areas that build passion in the children.

Dr. Bergen asked if there are scholarships available?

Ms. Plouff advised that there are scholarships available to those that qualify.

Ms. Bilello noted that as far as transportation, parents need to provide the transportation.

Dr. Edwards congratulated Ms. Plouffe on her first year as Music Director and she has done an outstanding job.

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b. Art Update – Dr. Edwards, Jane Hogan (see powerpoint)

Dr. Edwards introduced Ms. Jane Hogan, Art Director.

Ms. Hogan introduced Ms. Pichette, Art Teacher at Remington Middle School and Maddie Dieterle, Franklin Arts Academy High School senior.

Dr. Edwards shared the agenda and read District Improvement Plan's Strategic Objective Action #1. The Art program does follow the Massachusetts frameworks that are almost 20 years old, however, we use other national standards setting to be able to have a contemporary and current program.

Ms. Hogan gave an overview of the Art Department curriculum and the Franklin Arts Academy.

Ms. Hogan shared the FPS K-12 Art Mission. She also gave examples of the K-12 Developmental Progression.

Ms. Hogan gave an example of Social Emotional Learning through Art Education and Collaborative artmaking.

Ms. Pichette gave an overview of the Math & Art Interdisciplinary Collaboration.

Ms. Hogan given an overview of the FHS Art Department and the changes that have taken place over the last 10 years, including HS Academic Expectations and Offerings, the Art & Theater Elective Enrollment Trends over the last 5 years and the proactive K-12 Community Engagement. She also gave an overview of the non performing art students where they have TV shows that they put together. A couple of clips were shown.

Ms. Hogan gave an overview of the Franklin Arts Academy. She advised that there are currently 130 students in Grades 10-12 and this will be increasing to 140 for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Hogan also explained what the Franklin Arts Academy is and the history of the FAA.

Maddie Dieterle gave a brief explanation of how the Franklin Arts Academy helped her during the 3 years she was able to be a part of the FAA.

Ms. Hogan advised that there are a lot of success stories in the Franklin Arts Academy and gave an overview of the FAA impact on student learning.

Ms. Hogan expressed her extreme gratitude to all the K-12 Art Staff and also thanked the School Committee's continued support for the arts.

Dr. O'Malley commented that this was a magnificent presentation. You have a program to be proud of. It is a great programs, great students, great teachers. Dr. O'Malley wished Ms. Hogan the best in her retirement.

Ms. Bilello thanked Ms. Hogan for her leadership and for bringing something so unique as the FAA and how it has transformed learning for so many students and how a small school was created in a large school community. Ms. Bilello noted that both departments have done an amazing job in giving back to the community.

Ms. Schultz commented that this is an amazing program, we are so lucky in Franklin. With regard to the Franklin Arts Academy, is there a capacity, is there a max number of students allowed, would there be additional teachers needed?

Ms. Hogan advised that it is managed through the overall school schedule and with the current teachers and it remains within the current budget of the High

School. The students need to complete an application process and there is a rubric that has been created to accept the students.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Jewell was blown away by the presentations, particularly art. From a science background, we always look for people to communicate what we do in the outside world, these students will be prepared to do that.

More discussion ensued.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- **Annual appointment of Superintendent to ACCEPT and Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors for 2017-2018.**

Dr. Sabolinski advised that Massachusetts General Laws requires the District to appoint a Superintendent to the Collaboratives that the District belongs to. Franklin belongs to two collaboratives (ACCEPT and BI-COUNTY Collaboratives) before June 30th. This will be done in an Action item to appoint Dr. Sara Ahearn to both collaboratives.

- **School Lunch Prices - Ms. Goodman**

Ms. Goodman advised that the District is required by DESE to comply with the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act and gave an overview of the School Lunch Prices.

Ms. Goodman advised that the District is looking at an opportunity to provide environmentally friendly compostable plant-fiber trays which would be supported with the recommended price increase. She also advised that the Food Service program continues to work toward the goal of being a self-sustaining program. The Food Service Department is able to support the cost of contractual obligations, increased food costs with the exception of the cost of healthcare for cafeteria workers. Ms. Goodman advised that the recommended price increase would be .25 for elementary and High School, as well as an increase of .25 for an adult meal. She advised that there is no price increase at the Middle School, this is at the recommendation of Mr. Boisvert, Food Services Director as the portions

and offerings at the Middle School level are different.

Ms. Schultz commented that she liked the idea of the environmental trays, for a pretty nominal increase. She asked Ms. Goodman for a reminder of the number of free/reduced lunch.

Ms. Goodman advised that it is about 8% district wide. Some schools have a different percentage, i.e. Davis Thayer and Parmenter.

Ms. Douglas asked if they were washable or throwaway.

Ms. Goodman advised that they are disposable and compostable.

Discussion ensued.

- **Foundation Budget Review Commission Recommendation Resolution – Denise Schultz**

Ms. Schultz advised that the State formula is out of line with current costs, we follow the MASC's guidance and leadership, there is a new resolution that school committees sign on to it, ask them to update the formula. Ms. Schultz named the districts that have already signed on to the resolution.

Dr. O'Malley commented that Franklin is harmed and disserved by it.

4. Action Items:

- a. I recommend approval of the Budget Transfers as detailed.
Motion: Ms. Scofield Second: Dr. Jewell
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0
- b. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$357.00 from Annie Sullivan Middle School for an FHS Scholarship as detailed.
Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0
- c. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$650.00 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips.
Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- d. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$1,000.00 from Mike & Maureen Sabolinski for the Donald Sabolinski Scholarship.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- e. I recommend acceptance of the donation of \$1,500.00 from the Class of 1967 for in-house enrichment.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- f. I recommend appointing Dr. Sara Ahern to the Accept Collaborative Board for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- g. I recommend appointing Dr. Sara Ahern to the Bi-County Collaborative Board for the 2017- 2018 school year.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- h. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$350.00 from the Franklin Newcomers & Friends for the FHS school wide student activity account.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

- i. I recommend acceptance of donations totaling \$2,100.00 for FHS

Scholarships as follows:

1. \$1,000.00 from Fidelity Charitable for Fernando P.

Baglioni Scholarship

2. \$1,000.00 from Vanguard Charitable for Andrew Coppola

Scholarship

3. \$100.00 from Bethiah Beale Crane for the Robert Lima

Scholarship

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Oppose: 0

Oppose: 0

- j. I recommend increasing School Lunch Prices as detailed.
Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0
- k. I recommend adoption of Finance Resolution supporting the recommendations made by The Foundation Budget Review Commission.
Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0
- l. I recommend acceptance of the donation of \$812.00 from the Class of 1967 for in-house enrichment.
Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0
- m. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$693.00 from the Oak St. PCC for field trips.
Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

5. Information Matters:

● **Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Sabolinski advised that there were two donations from the class of 1967, they raised about \$3,000 and they are donating \$1,500 for those families who may not be able to afford after school activities and \$1500 to athletic fund and extracurricular fund. Mr. Cataldo, Class of 1967 President, will be paying it forward to other classes to start donating to build up funds for these things that we all had at no additional cost.
Discussion ensued.
- The Unified Track regional track meet was today, we hosted 10 school districts, they had a big parade on track, had a competitive

meet, thanks to A.D. Angelo for this tremendous event.

- Dr. Sabolinski thanked the High School Administration, Maria Weber, Craig Williams, Brenda Redding, Pamela Myette, and also counselors, Katie Giles, Josh MacCreery and Lauren Turene, Debbie Dixson, who came Sunday to support HS students

- **School Committee - Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Budget Sub Committee-** Dr. O'Malley- There was a report on school lunches.
- **Community Relations** - Ms. Schultz advised that the next coffee is scheduled for Friday June 9th at the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and also that the newsletter will be forthcoming.

- **School Committee Liaison Reports**

- a. **JPCC (Joint Parent Communication Council) - Dr. Bergen**

Dr. Bergen advised that there is a discussion about events going on in town. Is there a way to better coordinate? How to more efficiently share the events, Mr. Steve Sherlock came to a meeting to begin discussion and will be moving forward.

- b. **SWAC (School Wellness Advisory Council) - Ms. Douglas**

Ms. Douglas turned it over to Peter.

Mr. Light advised that there will be not be a SWAC update to School Committee this year, SWAC is preparing a report to submit in June.

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Executive Session:** (9:00 p.m.)

- Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contractual bargaining with FEA.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Bilello - yes, Ms. Scofield- yes, Ms. Douglas - yes, Dr. Bergen - yes, Dr. O'Malley - yes, Ms. Schultz - yes, Dr. Jewell - yes

Dr. Jewell made a motion to return to open session.

Motion: Dr. Jewell

Second: Ms. Scofield

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Roll Call vote: Ms. Bilello - yes, Ms. Scofield - yes, Ms. Douglas - yes, Dr. Bergen - yes, Dr. O'Malley - yes, Ms. Schultz - yes, Dr. Jewell - yes

8. Return to Open Session (9:10 p.m.)
9. **Discussion/ratification of Educational Support Professional Memorandum of Understanding**
Reviewed the contract, and unanimously accepted the contract.
10. **Action Item N:** I recommend ratification of the MOU for the ESP contract.

Motion: Dr. Jewell Second: Ms. Scofield
Approve: 7 Oppose: 0
11. **Adjourn:** Dr. Jewell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bilello.

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Childers

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Franklin School Committee

Resolution

Whereas, the Constitution of the Commonwealth (1780) requires “it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences...public schools and grammar schools in the towns” And

Whereas, *McDuffy v. Secretary of the Executive Office of Education* (1993) declared the “Massachusetts Constitution impose[s] an enforceable duty on the magistrates and Legislatures of this Commonwealth to provide education in the public schools for the children there enrolled, whether they be rich or poor and without regard to the fiscal capacity of the community or district in which such children live. It shall be declared also that the constitutional duty is not being currently fulfilled by the Commonwealth.” And

Whereas, *Hancock v. the Commissioner of Education* (2005) concluded “I do not suggest that the goals of education reform adopted since *McDuffy* have been fully achieved. Clearly they have not. Nothing I say today would insulate the Commonwealth from a successful challenge under the education clause in different circumstances.” And

Whereas, the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center report *Cutting Class* (2011) found “the real value of the original foundation budget has eroded significantly over time, due in large part to rapid cost growth for health care and special education. Since the foundation budget's original design did not foresee this rapid cost growth, spending reductions have been forced in other key areas, especially *Regular Education Teachers*.” And

Whereas, the Foundation Budget Review Commission (2015) resolved “the good work begun by the education reform act of 1993, and the educational progress made since, will be at risk so long as our school systems are fiscally strained by the ongoing failure to substantively reconsider the adequacy of the foundation budget.” Therefore

We, the FRANKLIN School Committee petition the 190th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to implement without further delay in full the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Adopted and Signed on the 23rd day of May 2017.

Dr. Kevin O'Malley

Dr. Anne Bergen

Ms. Vanessa Bilello

Mrs. Mary Jane Scofield

Mrs. Cindy Douglas

Ms. Denise Schultz

Dr. John Jewell







